

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(16)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners


**DATE:** May 7, 2013

**FROM:** R. A. Cuevas, Jr.  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution directing the County  
Mayor to prepare a report  
identifying a process and  
possible funding sources for  
expedited removal of dead trees  
within county parks and rights-  
of-way

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator Javier D. Souto.

  
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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☐ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's \_\_\_\_, 3/5's \_\_\_\_, unanimous \_\_\_\_ ) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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5-7-13

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE A REPORT IDENTIFYING A PROCESS AND POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCES FOR EXPEDITED REMOVAL OF DEAD TREES WITHIN COUNTY PARKS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND THE REPLACEMENT OF SUCH REMOVED TREES WITH AT LEAST TWO NEW TREES FOR EACH TREE REMOVED

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County is a world-class tourist destination based in part on the natural beauty including the trees and tree canopy throughout Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, trees on Miami-Dade County property form an important part of the natural environment and tree canopy countywide; and

**WHEREAS**, trees that are dead or dying on Miami-Dade County property, specifically County parks and County rights-of-way diminish this natural beauty and should, within budgetary constraints, be removed as expeditiously as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, trees that are removed should be replaced with at least two new trees in order to promote and grow this natural resource for the benefit of local residents as well as for visitors and tourists to the County,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that the County Mayor or Mayor's designee is directed to prepare a report identifying a process and possible funding sources for expedited removal of dead trees within County parks and rights-of-way and the replacement of such removed trees with at least two new trees for each tree removed. The County Mayor or Mayor's designee shall provide the report required herein to the Board of County Commissioners within ninety days of the effective date of this Resolution.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator Javier D. Souto. It was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman

Lynda Bell, Vice Chair

Bruno A. Barreiro

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Sally A. Heyman

Jean Monestime

Sen. Javier D. Souto

Juan C. Zapata

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.

Audrey M. Edmonson

Barbara J. Jordan

Dennis C. Moss

Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



Alex S. Bokor